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1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED APRIL 21 ON NEW

CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF SOVIET ALL-UNION
CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS, VSEVOLOD YEVGEN'YEVICH
MOZHAYEV AND DISCUSSED GENEVA EAST-WEST TRADE UNION
CONFERENCE, REVIVAL OF ANGLO-SOVIET TRADE UNION COMMITTEE,
AND FUTURE UNIFICATION OF WORLD TRADE UNION MOVEMENT.
MOZHAYEV WAS FORTHCOMING ON ALL SUBJECTS EXCEPT
SHELEPIN'S REMOVAL FROM POLITBURO. END SUMMARY.

2. BIOGRAPHIC: MOZHAYEV DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS HISTORIAN
BY BACKGROUND WHO HAD BEEN IN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE FROM
1953 TO 1966, SERVING IN HELSINKI AND STOCKHOLM.
SCANDINAVIA WAS, HE SAID, HIS FIRST LOVE, AS ENGLAND
HAD BEEN FOR HIS PREDECESSOR, BORIS AVER'YANOV. SINCE
1966 HE HAS BEEN A CONSULTANT IN THE INTERNATIONAL
DEPARTMENT OF THE AUCCTU AND HAS TRAVELED FAIRLY WIDELY
IN EUROPE. MOZHAYEV IS A HANDSOME, PLEASANT MAN WHO
APPEARS TO BE IN MIDDLE FORTIES, WITH A MANNER THAT IS
HONEST AND FRIENDLY IN A RESERVED WAY. (HIW NEWNESS ON
JOB AND RECENT CC BOMBSHELL ON SHELEPIN OBVIOUSLY DID
NOT INCREASE HIS COMPOSURE.) HE SPEAKS GERMAN, SWEDISH,
BULGARIAN, AND FAIRLY GOOD ENGLISH (THOSGH HE PREFERRZF
TO CONDUCT HOUR-LONG SESSION IN RUSSIAN).

2. SHELEPIN: WEHN QUESTIONED ABOUT EFFECT OF
THE CC PLENUM DECISION ON SOVIET TRADE UNION MOVEMENT,
MOZHAYEV ASKED EMBOFF TO UNDERSTAND THAT HE COULD SAY
NOTHING MORE THAN HAD APPEARED IN NEWSPAPERS. IN ANSWER
TO HISTORICAL QUESTION, HOWEVER, AS TO WHETHER AUCCTU
CHAIRMAN HAD NOT TRADITIONALLY BEEN POLITBURO MEMBER, HE
NOTED THAT V. V. KUZNETSOV (PRESENT FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN
MINISTER), WAS AUCCTC CHAIRMAN AFTER WW II AND NOT RPT NOT
POLITBURO MEMBER. MOZHAYEV EMPHASIZED POINT IN MANNER
SUGGESTING THAT SHELEPIN REMOVAL FROM AUCCTU CHAIRMAN-
SHIP SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED.

4. REVIVAL OF ANGLO-SOVIET TRADE UNION COMMITTEE: WHEN
ASKED WHETHER SUCH REVIVAL WAS PLAN FOR FUTURE OR IMEEDIATE
ORGANIZATIONAL PROSPECT (PER REF D), MOZHAYEV
EXPLAINED THAT PRINCIPLE HAD BEEN AGREED UPON IN
TUC-AUCCTU COMMUNIQUE AT CONCLUSION OF SHELEPIN VISIT TO
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BRITAIN. AUCCTU PRESIDIUM HAD SINCE APPROVED
RENEWAL AND MATTER NOW AWAITED FORMAL TUC ACTION. WHAT
SOVIETS HAD IN MIND, MOZHAYEV SAID, WAS SOMETHING ALONG
LINES OF PRESENT SOVIET-FINNISH AND SOVIET-JAPANESE
TRADE UNION COMMITTEES. SUCH COMMITTEES, HE SAID, WERE
DIFFICULT TO ORGANIZE WITH COUNTRIES WITH MORE THAN ONE
MAIN TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION, BUT BRITISH SITUATION MADE
IT EASIER. HE COULD NOT, HE SAID, BE MORE SPECIFIC AT

THIS PAGE ABOUT EXACT FORM COOPERATION IN CONTEXT OF REVIVED ANGLO-SOVIET COMMITTEE WOULD TAKE.

5. IN FOOTNOTE ON SHELEPIN VISIT TO BRITAIN, NIKOLAY CHERKASOV, YOUNG USA DESK MAN WHO SAT IN ON SESSION AND ESCORTED EMBOFF OUT OF HEADQUARTERS, SAID HE HAD ACCOMPANIED SHELEPIN ON TRIP AND BEEN WITH HIM IN CAR

WHEN EGGS WERE HURLED AT IT. WHOLE UPROAR, HE SAID, WAS ORGANIZED CAMPAIGN, AND HE MENTIONED FINANCIAL TIMES AND DAILY MAIL (THOUGH NOT, CURIOUSLY, "ZIONISTS") AS PRIME INSTIGATORS. WHEN ASKED WHETHER A SOVIET DELEGATION HEADED BY A DIFFERENT OFFICIAL WOULD HAVE ENCOUNTERED SAME REACTION, CHERKASOV READILY MENTIONED SHELEPIN'S KGB CHAIRMANSHIP AS SOURCE OF PROBLEM. INTERESTINGLY, HE HINTED THAT THERE WERE THOSE IN AUCCTU WHO HAD FORESEEN THIS PROBLEM BUT WERE OVERRULED.

6. GENEVA EAST-WEST TRADE UNION MEETING: MOZHAYEV PRONOUNCED HIMSELF SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF GENEVA MEETING, MENTIONED WORKMANLIKE, COOPERATIVE ATMOSPHERE AND FACT THAT ALL EUROPEAN UNIONS EXCEPT FORCE OUVRIERE AND ALBANIANS WERE REPRESENTED. CONCLUDING DECLARATIONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY AUCCTU PRESIDIUM, AND WILL BE FORCE OF LAW IN USSR. SOVIETS LOOK FORWARD, HE SAID, TO SIMILAR CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR, WHICH SOVIETS WERE PREPARED TO HOST IN MOSCOW BUT WHICH HE FELT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA AGAIN (ALTHOUGH HE HAD PURELY PERSONAL PREFERENCE FOR STOCKHOLM). WHEN ASKED WHETHER SOVIETS PREFERRED NEXT MEETING TO TAKE PLACE UNDER OR OUTSIDE ILO AUSPICES, MOZHAYEV INDICATED THIS WAS ENTIRELY SECONDARY QUESTION. SOVIETS, HE POINTED OUT, HAD RATHER LIMITED REGARD FOR ILO'S USEFULNESS TO WORKERS, BUT
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THEY HAD REMAINED LOYAL WORKING MEMBERS.

7. ON FUTURE OF WORLD TRADE UNION MOVEMBER, MOZHAYEV GAVE ONLY SIGN DURING SESSION OF DIVERGENCE OF VIEW FROM HIS PREDECESSOR, AVER'YANOV, INDICATING THAT HE BELIEVED EVENTUAL SINGLE WORLD TRADE UNION -ORGANIZATION, THOUGH DESIRABLE, TO BE A MUCH MORE DISTANT PROSPECT THAT AVER'YANOV BELIEVED. LIKE AVER'YANOV, HOWEVER, MOZHAYEV SHOWED GREAT SENSITIVITY TO FEARS OF WESTERN UNIONS ABOUT DEALINGS WITH THE EAST AND THE SAME DESIRE TO AVOID "ROTTEN-EGG THROWING" AND TACTICS THAT WOULD DETER WESTERN UNIONS FROM PURSUING INCREASED CONTACTS WITH THE EAST.

8. ON RELATIONS BETWEEN SOVIET AND AMERICAN TRADE UNIONS,

MOZHAYEV DECLARED "WE ARE REALISTS," BUT WITH AFFIRMATION
THAT AUCCTU WOULD BE HAPPY TO BEGIN CONTACTS WITH
AFL-CIO WHENEVER LATTER WISHES TO. HE DID NOT RPT NOT
BRING UP U.S. VISA POLICY, BUT PRAISED ARTICLES ON
AMERICAN LABOR UNIONS IN FEBRUARY 1975 AMERIKA
MAGAZINE, WHICH, HE SAID, IS READ REGULARLY WITH
INTEREST AT AUCCTU.
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